CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A communication system between terminals, the system comprising:

2   at least two terminals communicating with each other;

3   an interface module enabling access to a data object for controlling with a

4   terminal of a first party, said data object being associated with a second party; and

5   a notifying message to be sent substantially instantly to at least a predefined

6   terminal of the second party each time said data object is activated by the terminal of the first

7   party.

1   2.   The communication system of claim 1, wherein said data object

2   comprises association data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of

3   said data object.

1   3.   The communication system of claim 1, wherein said data object accessible

2   through an interface module is stored on one of the terminal of the first party and a network

3   element accessible to the first party.

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1   4.   The communication system of claim 1, further comprising stored contact

2   information about the second party in one of the terminal of the first party and the network

3   element accessible to the first party.

1   5.   The communication system of claim 1, wherein the predefined terminal of

2   the second party further comprises a transceiver for receiving the notifying message and means

3   for imparting at least one of a tactile signal, an auditory signal and a visual signal to be sensed by

4   the second party upon receiving the notifying message at the second terminal.

1   6.   The communication system of claim 5, wherein the means for imparting

2   the tactile signal comprises means for imparting at least one of a vibration, a deformation, and a

3   change in temperature.

1   7.   The communication system of claim 5, wherein the means for imparting a

2   tactile signal to be sensed by the second party comprises means for imparting the tactile signal to

3   the second party by a device wirelessly linked to the second terminal with a short range

4   communication link.

1   8.   The communication system of claim 1, wherein the predefined terminal of

2   the second party further comprises a transceiver for receiving the notifying message, and wherein

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3   the notifying message comprises at least one of a plurality of different types of notifying messages

4   available to send to the second party.

1   9.   The communication system of claim 8, wherein the means for imparting a

2   plurality of different types of notifying messages comprises means for imparting different types of

3   vibrations to the second party.

1   10.   The communication system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of different

2   types of notifying messages comprises different personalized messages created by the first party.

1   11.   The communication system of claim 1, wherein the data object to be

2   activated comprises at least one of an email, a contact directory entry, a phonebook entry, a short

3   message service message, a text message, an image, a picture, a video clip, an audio clip, and an

4   animation associated with the second party.

1   12.   A method of communicating messages between terminals in a

2   communication system, the method comprising:

3   activating with a terminal of a first party through an interface module a data

4   object being associated with a second party; and

5   sending a notifying message substantially instantly to at least a predefined terminal

6   of the second party each time said data object is activated by the terminal of the first party.

1   13.   The method claim 12, wherein said data object accessible through an

2   interface module is stored on one of the terminal of the first party and a network element

3   accessible to the first party.

1   14.   The method of claim 12, further comprising storing contact information

2   about the second party in one of the terminal of the first party and the network element

3   accessible to the first party.

1   15.   The method of claim 12, wherein said data object comprises association

2   data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of said data object.

1   16.   The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving the notifying

2   message at the second terminal and imparting at least one of a tactile signal, an auditory signal

3   and a visual signal to be sensed by the second party.

1   17.   The method of claim 16, wherein the tactile signal imparted comprises one

2   of a vibration, a deformation, and a change in temperature.

1   18.   The method of claim 16, wherein the tactile signal is imparted by one of

2 the second terminal and a device linked to the second terminal with a short range wireless

3 communication link.

1   19.   The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving the notifying

2 message at the terminal of the second party, and imparting the notifying message wherein the

3 notifying message comprises at least one of a plurality of different types of notifying messages

4 available to send to the second party.

1   20.   The method of claim 19, wherein the step of imparting the notifying

2 message comprises imparting at least one of different types of vibrations to the second party.

1   21.   The method of claim 19, wherein the plurality of different types of

2 notifying messages comprises different personalized messages created by the first party.

1   22.   The method of claim 12, wherein the data object to be activated comprises

2 at least one of an email, a contact directory entry, a phonebook entry, a short message service

3 message, a text message, an image, a picture, a video clip, an audio clip, and an animation

4 associated with the second party.

1   23.   The method of claim 12, wherein the step of activating the data object

2   comprises one of accessing, reading, writing, drawing, editing, copying, forwarding, moving,

3   renaming, combining, showing details of, attaching a message to, using, listening to, and viewing

4   the data object.

1   24.   A mobile terminal communicating with other terminals, the mobile

2   terminal comprising;

3   a processor;

4   a storage device; and

5   software means operative on the processor comprising:

6   means for maintaining in the storage device a database listing identified

7   communication partners of a party;

8   means for associating data objects with the identified communication

9   partners;

10   means for periodically scanning whether any of the associated data

11   objects is being activated; and

12   means for sending a notifying message to at least one of the identified

13   communication partners substantially instantly each time one of the data objects is activated.

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1   25.   A method of notifying a terminal of a first party operating in a wireless

2   communication network that a second party has manipulated an electronic representation of the

3   first party, the method comprising:

4   associating a first party with an electronic representation of the first party;

5   manipulating by a second party of the electronic representation associated with

6   the first party using an input device; and

7   sending a notification from the second party to the first party upon the

8   manipulation of the electronic representation associated with the first party.

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1   26.   The method of claim 25, wherein said steps of manipulating the electronic

2   representation and sending the notification are performed by a mobile terminal.

1   27.   The method of claim 25, wherein said step of associating the first party with

2   the electronic representation is performed at a first communication terminal, and further comprising

3   receiving the notification at a second communication terminal for the first party.

1   28.   The method of claim 27, further comprising:

2   storing information about the first party in one of the first communication

3   terminal and a network, the information comprising notification information for notifying the

4   second communication terminal of the manipulation; and

5   storing the electronic representation, the electronic representation comprising

6   association data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of the electronic

7   representation;

8   wherein said step of associating the first party with the electronic representation

9   comprises associating the information about the first party with the electronic representation of

10   the first party using the association data.

1   29.   The method of claim 27, further comprising receiving the notification at the

2   second communication terminal and imparting a tactile signal to be sensed by the first party.

1   30.   The method of claim 29, wherein the tactile signal imparted comprises one

2   of a vibration, a deformation, and a change in temperature.

1   31.   The method of claim 29, wherein the second communication terminal

2   comprises a mobile terminal, and wherein the tactile signal is imparted to the first party by a device

3   wirelessly linked to the mobile terminal with a short range communication link.